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SUBJECT: U.S. INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH
YEMEN

1. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AT
APPROPRIATELY SENIOR LEVEL OF THE FOLLOWING.
2. AS HOST GOVERNMENT IS AWARE, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ON A
NUMBER OF OCCASIONS STATED HIS DESIRE TO SEEK IMPROVED
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RELATIONS WITH THOSE NATIONS WITH WHOM OUR RELATIONS AT
PRESENT ARE EITHER UNSATISFACTORY OR, IN SOME CASES, NON-
EXISTENT. IT WAS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT HE RECENTLY ASKED
UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO VISIT BAGHDAD. THE ONLY OTHER
ARAB COUNTRY WHICH BROKE AND HAS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY REESTAB-
LISHED RELATIONS WITH US IS THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF YEMEN.

3. WE HAVE NOTED RECENT EFFORTS ON THE PART OF SOME OF OUR ARAB FRIENDS TO INFLUENCE SOUTH YEMENI POLICIES IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. WE BELIEVE THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR US TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO EXPLORE WHETHER THE SOUTH YEMENI GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO MOVE TOWARD RESTORING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. TO THIS END, WE ARE APPROACHING THE SOUTH YEMEN AMBASSADOR IN NEW YORK TO SUGGEST A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING, EITHER IN ADEN, THE U.S. OR ELSEWHERE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEGINNING A DIALOGUE LOOKING TOWARD THE REESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.-PDRY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

4. WE WANTED YOUR GOVERNMENT TO KNOW OF THIS INITIATIVE, WHICH WE ASK BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE SINCE ANY PREMATURE PUBLICITY COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE PDRY RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL. WE WILL KEEP YOUR GOVERNMENT INFORMED OF WHATEVER RESPONSE WE RECEIVE AND OF ANY STEPS THAT WE AND PDRY MAY SUBSEQUENTLY AGREE UPON.

5. FOR JIDDA: IN MAKING THE FOREGOING APPROACH, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS APPROACH TO PDRY IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH PRINCE FAHD, WHO ENCOURAGED US TO MAKE THIS EFFORT. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED HIS HIGHNESS' ADVICE AND WILL WANT TO SEEK HIS FURTHER COUNSEL AS OUR EFFORTS PROCEED. VANCE
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